

READING**Part 1**

Read the text and complete the tasks that follow. Choose a, b, or c. Put a circle round the most appropriate answer. An example is done for you.

"The Serial Burglars"

In his 19 years as a policeman, Tony Davies had never come across a series of burglaries with no geographical pattern. Normally they happened in groups in the same town or district, or strung out along motorways for a quick getaway. This gang seemed to be raiding at random.

Davies set a 12-strong team to work studying the police reports on all the break-ins, hoping to find a link that had been overlooked. It was like searching for a contact lens on an ice rink. Then one detective spotted that two of the victims had flown out on holiday from Southampton International Airport. "Is that just a coincidence?" Davies wondered aloud to Oliver Jenkins, the 26-year-old Constable co-ordinating the enquiry. "Let's find out how the other victims travelled," Jenkins suggested. He went to see Brian and Lisa Cooper. They had flown from Southampton. So had at least six others. And all had flown with the same airline: British Airways.

Davis talked to airport director James Bull and Rick Arun, general manager of Southampton Handling, the company that is sub-contracted to do BA's reservations, ticketing and checking-in. They were shocked at the suggestion that BA passengers might be targets. "We'll give you every support," Bull promised as the list of victims grew. "It seems the same gang may have targeted as many as 30 passengers," Jenkins reported to Davies. All had booked privately, rather than via travel agents or tour operators, which meant they had given their addresses to BA's central reservations office. "There's only one way the gang could have got those addresses", Jenkins added. He asked Rick Arun for details of all staff who had access to passenger addresses.

Among those on the list was Kelly Woods, an attractive 23-year-old blonde who had worked at Guernsey Airport before moving to the mainland last year. That April, Arun, impressed by her efficient, friendly manner, had given her a job on check-in, processing departing travellers. After two months, she was promoted to the ticketing and reservations desk.

Nothing in Woods' background suggested anything criminal. But one thing puzzled Jenkins. Her address was the home of 46-year-old Paul Hart, a well-known criminal with a record for burglary, and his aggressive son Nick, 26, who had been released from an 18-month sentence for burglary just days before the break-ins began. How come a middle-class Guernsey girl is living with a couple of thieves? Jenkins thought.

The picture began to make sense when Jenkins found out that Woods was the illegitimate daughter of Paul Hart. Adopted as a three-year-old by a Guernsey family, Kelly had traced her father, turning up out of the blue at his house three years ago. With her access to thousands of British Airways passenger addresses, she was a serial burglar's dream daughter. All Davies's team had to do now was prove it.

Example: Davies

- a) was confident that he'd catch the burglars quickly.
- b) knew that catching the burglars would be difficult.**
- c) had to study twelve police reports.

Total: 6 marks

1. Oliver Jenkins
 - a) worked for British Airways.
 - b) had the job of organising the enquiry.
 - c) had been a personal friend of some of the victims.
2. Southampton Handling
 - a) was unwilling to cooperate with the police.
 - b) was part of BA.
 - c) was surprised that the burglars were linked to the airport.
3. Jenkins suspected that
 - a) some of the passengers worked for BA.
 - b) passengers were being careless.
 - c) someone was gaining information about passengers.
4. Kelly Woods
 - a) was good at her job.
 - b) asked to change her job to something more interesting.
 - c) was hoping to get a different job in the near future.
5. Jenkins discovered that Woods
 - a) had committed crimes in the past.
 - b) had a false address.
 - c) was living with a criminal.
6. Hart
 - a) didn't see his daughter for years.
 - b) had spent years trying to find his daughter.
 - c) was shocked to discover his daughter was a criminal.